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Attention: Commissioner Mike O'Reilly

Reference: 2016 FCC 9-1-1 Annual Report

Commissioner O'Reilly;

This letter is in response to a letter you issued on February 20th, 2018 that was addressed to the Governor of Oklahoma, Mary Fallin. I am the newly appointed State 9-1-1 Coordinator. I was made aware of this report on October 26th, 2017. I started on the report in November and after further review I felt the report needed to be presented to the State 9-1-1 Management Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting so the board could provide a direction. This was placed on the December agenda; however, we did not have a quorum. I then placed this on the agenda for the January meeting, however on December 22nd, I was notified by the FCC that the report was due December 26th. Because of the holidays and the next meeting being after January 1st, there was no way I could get the answers I needed from the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority so I advised the FCC that we would not make the deadline.

Below are the answers to the questions that were outlined in the above-mentioned letter.

1. Why did your state or territory fail to respond to the Commission's request for information regarding the collection and allocation of 911 fees for 2016?

The State has a newly formed Division for 9-1-1. The new office is gathering information and was not aware of this report until it was too late to respond. The State wants to continue a positive working relationship with the FCC and come into compliance and complete any future reports that the FCC requires.

2. What steps has your state or territory taken, if any, to rectify the failure to file and provide the FCC the information requested?

The State passed legislation in 2016 that would provide oversight for 9-1-1. The law went into effect on November 1st, 2016 and work was completed in 2017 to hire a State 911 Coordinator and develop rules for the Oklahoma State 9-1-1 Management Authority. Required reports were mandated by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority in December 2017. In addition to this new effort the State 9-1-1 Management Authority is working on several initiatives across the State to improve 9-1-1 service.

3. Using the Commission's standards and definitions, does your state or territory divert 9-1-1 fees to other functions? If so, how much was diverted in 2016, and for what functions?

The State of Oklahoma did not divert any 9-1-1 funds for other purposes. All funds met the FCC standards and definitions for the purpose of 9-1-1.

On behalf of the State of Oklahoma I want to apologize for missing the deadline for this report. Because of the work over the last 18 months I feel Oklahoma is better positioned to provide accurate reporting to the FCC. We look forward to a positive working relationship with the FCC and moving 9-1-1 into a NexGen environment.


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